Haverford Township - Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown Pa., 19083 - Room B

Minutes

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call

Present: Nick Sacchetti (Ward 1), Christine McLaughlin (Ward 2), Maggie Burke-Maritsis (Ward 3), Peggy Murr, Council Vice-Chair (Ward 4), Alan Letofsky (Ward 5), Bruce Yasgur (Ward 6), Rita Waters (Ward 8), Victor Barsky - Chair (Ward 9), Eileen Mottola (Township Staff Liaison and Assistant Manager of Parks and Recreation), Conor Quinn (Commissioner - Ward 7)

Absent: Diane Amadio (Ward 7), Conor Quinn (Commissioner – Ward 7)

Public Comment – there was no public comment

Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2026 Meeting – Motion to approve made by Christine McLaughlin, seconded by Peggy Murr, unanimously approved

Chairperson's Report – Chair - Victor Barsky

Welcome to Nick Sacchetti as our new Ward 1 representative. Many thanks to Carla Rodgers for her time representing Ward 1. Carla will remain on the council as an at-large council member, while also serving on the Haverford Township Health Advisory Council.

Commissioners' Meeting and Civic Council Open House (Victor/Christine) – An update from the most-recent Commissioners' Meeting was not provided. An update from the most-recent Civic Council Open House was provided by Christine McLaughlin, citing the Civic Council's broad scope and their interest in collaborating with the Senior Citizens Advisory Council (HTSCAC) in the future. Membership with the Civic Council costs $35.00 per year. Victor Barsky, Eileen Mottola and Peggy Murr will check into our ability to become a member.

Old Business

Re-cap of Library Open House, next steps, future opportunities – Christine McLaughlin reported the Open House was very successful on many fronts, including the collaboration with the Library for this event, the breadth of communications in reaching the seniors, the quality of the Library's presentation, and the positive feedback from seniors. Many attendees noted that the Library has much more to offer them than they realized. In total, there were 70+ attendees in the room. There were senior citizen attendees from every Ward, with the 7th and 8th Ward having the highest turnout.
It was noted how great it was that Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Trombetta, and Cavender attended the entire event. Christine will continue meeting with the Library approximately every 6 weeks to discuss future opportunities and events. Following Christine's and Diane Amadio's first meeting with them, the Library had already looked into FIFA World Cup Watch Parties, but FIFA has very strict rules about streaming the

matches. They are continuing to look at other sports options for watch parties. Alan Letofsky will write additional details about his idea regarding an intranet. The HTSCAC discussed other possible ideas and timing for a next collaboration with the Library. The idea of a senior citizen spelling bee seemed to interest the Library but did not gain traction at this meeting with the HTSCAC.

Emergency CPR Training for seniors – Peggy Murr will lead this effort with Jim McCans (EMS), and with assistance from other members of the HTSCAC as needed. September 17 and/or 24 at 10:00 am are the two dates offered. Either the Township Building or the CREC will be the location. The exact number of spots is under discussion and whether one or two sessions are held. The training runs about 3 hours and a certification card will be provided at completion to each individual. Peggy has secured "File of Life" emergency information cards to also provide the trainees. The HTSCAC discussed inclusion of the Heimlich maneuver and AED operation in the training. Eileen Mottola believes both were included in her training, but it will be confirmed. Currently, attendees will need to be able to get down on the floor to participate. The question was raised whether there is a way to not limit to only those who can get on the floor. The cost of the training and certification card will be covered by the Council, which is $250 for 20 people. Juice, water and a light snack will also be provided and cost covered again by the HTSCAC. Eileen Mottola and Peggy Murr will write the content for the CREC publication and overall flyer and include a QR code for registrations via the CREC ACTIVENET. Branding and reference to the Senior Citizens Advisory Council will be included. Communications should begin in August (a month prior to event). A motion to proceed with the dates of September 17 and/or 24, and approval of up to $500 overall budget spend was made by Rita Waters, seconded by Maggie Burke-Maritsis, and unanimously approved.

Haverford Township Day – October 3, 2026 – a list of the AED locations throughout the township was suggested for a handout at the Commissioners' table. This information will also appear in the next Hav-a-Good Times publication.

New Business

The HTSCAC will utilize members as lead liaisons and committees, to better address, engage, progress and report on our key efforts throughout the Township. As the breadth of projects evolves, committees may add or move members for particular projects and members may be on multiple teams: Haverford Township Free Library (Christine McLaughlin w/ Alan Letofsky and Diane Amadio); CREC (Nick Sacchetti w Eileen Mottola of CREC); Police/Fire/EMS (Peggy Murr), Township Website (Maggie Burke-Maritsis), Board of Commissioners (Victor Barsky w/ Conor Quinn), Civic Council (Peggy Murr), Discover Haverford (Peggy Murr), Surrey (Victor Barsky), COSA (Peggy Murr), Branding, Communications & Procedures (Maggie Burke-Maritsis w/ Rita Waters), DELGO (Victor Barsky)

Senior Moments article for Fall/Winter publication – July 13 deadline – Peggy Murr recommended a "Did you Know" concise style article listing where all the defibrillators are located throughout the township. This will pair well with the Council's CPR training for seniors in September. Eileen Mottola will contact Jim McCans (EMS) to secure this list. We will include a reference to the Senior Citizens Advisory Council as the author of the article to continue our consistent branding of this Council. Peggy and Eileen to draft article.

The Health Advisory Council has expressed interest in doing something with the HTSCAC. A health series was mentioned. Discussion of the topic will continue at the

August meeting.

The CREC has two dates on their calendar, September 30 (6-8 pm) and October 28 (6-8 pm), for their next senior nights out. They are looking for themes for those evenings. The CREC is also holding a Vaccine Clinic on October 6 from 10-2. The HTSCAC will continue discussions about ways the HTSCAC might be involved.

August and September Agendas and Minutes – Christine McLaughlin agreed to temporarily cover for August and September.

Next meetings – no July 21 meeting, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, no December meeting

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm, seconded, unanimously approved